

APPENDIX A

The following shows the amendments made to the claims in the response dated February 27, 2003 in a manner that complies with 37 CFR 1.173(b)

Claims 20, 72, and 100-101 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 19, 21, 22, 71, 73, 74, and 77 have been amended as follows:

19. (Twice Amended) An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising:

a rigid body defining a generally transverse, circumferentially bounded opening extending through said body for receiving the suture,

said body having a non-helically extending exterior enlargement for engaging the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor from the bone, wherein said enlargement comprises a circumferential ridge.

21. (Amended) The anchor of claim 19 wherein said circumferential ridge includes a distal, chamfered surface.

22. (Amended) The anchor of claim 19 wherein said circumferential ridge includes a proximal surface orientated transversely to a longitudinal axis of the body.

71. (Amended) An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising:

a rigid body defining a generally transverse opening extending through said body for receiving the suture,

said body having an exterior enlargement configured to enable the anchor to be non-rotationally advanced into a bone hole and to engage the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal

of said anchor from the bone, wherein said enlargement comprises a non-helical circumferential ridge.

73. (Amended) The anchor of claim 71 wherein said circumferential ridge includes a distal, chamfered surface.

74. (Amended) The anchor of claim 71 wherein said circumferential ridge includes a proximal surface orientated transversely to a longitudinal axis of the body.

77. (Amended) An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising:

a rigid body defining a generally transverse opening extending through said body for receiving the suture,

said body having a plurality of non-helically arranged, exterior enlargements configured to enable the anchor to be non-rotationally advanced into a bone hole and to engage the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor from the bone, wherein each of said plurality of exterior enlargements comprises a circumferential ridge.

102. An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising:
a rigid body defining a generally transverse, circumferentially bounded opening
extending through said body for receiving the suture,

said body having a plurality of non-helically arranged, exterior enlargements for
engaging the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor from the bone, wherein
each of said plurality of exterior enlargements comprises a circumferential ridge.

103. The anchor of claim 102 wherein each circumferential ridge includes a distal,
chamfered surface.

104. The anchor of claim 102 wherein each circumferential ridge includes a proximal surface orientated transversely to a longitudinal axis of the body.

105. The anchor of claim 104 wherein the proximal surface is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the body.

106. The anchor of claim 102 wherein said circumferential ridges have outer extents of about the same diameter.

107. The anchor of claim 102 wherein at least one circumferential ridge has an outer diameter which differs from an outer diameter of another of said circumferential ridges.

108. An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising: a rigid body having a pointed distal end and defining a generally transverse, circumferentially bounded opening extending through said body for receiving the suture, said body having a non-helically extending exterior enlargement for engaging the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor from the bone.

109. An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising: a rigid body having a pointed distal end and defining a generally transverse opening extending through said body for receiving the suture, said body having an exterior enlargement configured to enable the anchor to be non-rotationally advanced into a bone hole and to engage the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor from the bone.

110. An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising: a rigid body defining a generally transverse opening extending through said body for receiving the suture, said opening having open ends.

said body having an outer surface defining a pair of suture receiving channels, each suture receiving channel being aligned with one of said open ends and extending to a proximal end of said body, and

said body having an exterior enlargement configured to enable the anchor to be non-rotationally advanced into a bone hole and to engage the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor from the bone.